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SUBJECT:REQUEST FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

1. SUMMARY. THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED URGENT ASSISTANCE FOR AN ITALIAN NATIONAL PRESENTLY ABOARD A GREEK REGISTRY SHIP WHICH IS BELIEVED TO BE ENROUTE RIO DE JANEIRO BRAZIL. ITALIAN NATIONAL IS BELIEVED TO BE SUFFERING FROM SEVERE EXPOSURE AND PNEUMONIA RESULTING FROM THE SINKING OF A YACHT IN WHICH HE AND HIS PARTNER WERE ATTEMPTING TO REACH ANTARTICA. CONDITION OF SECOND ITALIAN NATIONAL, ALSO BELIEVED TO BE ABOARD GREEK FREIGHTER, IS UNKNOWN. USG HAS NO DOD OR COAST GUARD ASSETS WHICH COULD PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN UNCLASSIFIED

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TIMELY MANNER, AND CHECK OF THE AMVER SYSTEM INDICATES THAT THERE ARE NO KNOWN VESSELS WITH PHYSICIAN EMBARKED IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE. RIO, BRASILIA AND BUENOS AIRES ARE REQUESTED TO APPRISE HOST COUNTRY AUTHORITIES OF SITUATION AND SEEK TO DETERMINE IF ASSISTANCE CAN BE PROVIDED. END SUMMARY

- 2. AVAILABLE INFORMATION INDICATES THAT ITALIAN YACHTSMEN/
 CIRCUMNAVIGATORS MAURO MANCINI AND AMBROGIO FOGAR WERE RESCUED BY AND ARE PRESENTLY ABOARD THE GREEK VESSEL MASTER
 STEFANOS, WHICH HAS NO PHYSICIAN EMBARKED. MANCINI IS BELIEVED TO BE SUFFERING FROM EXPOSURE AND PNEUMONIA, AND IS
 REPORTEDLY RECEIVING AN INTRAVENOUS SOLUTION AND AVAILABLE
 MEDICATIONS. HE MAY BE IN A COMA. CONDITION OF OTHER
 ITALIAN NATIONAL UNKNOWN. MASTER STEFANOS' POSITION AS OF
 041800Z APRIL REPORTED AS 34-54S, 35-46W, PROCEEDING TO
 RIO DE JANEIRO AT 14 KNOTS. VESSEL'S CW CALL SIGN IS SWWC.
- 3. CONFIRMING TELECON DEPT, NMCC AND RIO (A/ALUSNA LT. MCCUNE) REQUEST RIO AND BRASILIA APPROACH HOST COUNTRY AUTHORITIES TO DETERMINE IF MEDEVAC OR MEDICAL ADVICE CAN BE PROVIDED. REQUEST RIO SEEK ARGENTINE ASSISTANCE IF A-VAILABLE.
- 4. REQUEST ACTION ADDEES KEEP ALL CONCERNED ADVISED CONCERNING THIS SUBJECT. VANCE

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